

Moravian Church,
Green Bay, Wis.

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MORAVIAN CHURCH
Moravian Street
Green Bay, Brown County
Wisconsin

Owner: Moravian Church.

Date of Erection: Begun 1851.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: One.

Materials of Construction: Wood.

Other Existing Records: See text.

Additional Data: See following pages.

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MORAVIAN CHURCH

The Moravian Church is located on Moravian Street in the city of Green Bay, Wisconsin. It was built by a group of men and women who were headed up by a Moravian missionary. This individual was a close friend of the fur trader John J. Astor. The erection of the church was commenced in the fall of 1851 and it was finished in the spring of the following year.

The exterior of this church represents a distinctive contribution to architecture. It parallels very closely in design the little church in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in New York state where Washington Irving lies buried.*

The entrance is of the typical colonial type with a refined feeling for mouldings, profiles and proportions. This entrance is outstanding in every ~~other~~ way. The pediment type of roof has an excellent proportioned cornice. Finally the cupola is very quaint with classic features intermingling with Gothic finials. The interesting part of the church is the windows. It has been explained by no less ^{an} authority than Thomas Tallmadge of Chicago that those "early day" builders sought to get something of an ecclesiastical ~~air~~ ⁱⁿ their church buildings, and the simplest way of doing it appeared to be to give the window heads a pointed or Gothic treatment. That is what was done at this church. The window areas now are filled in with a conglomerate mass of meaningless, hideous, colored

*Incorrect. See picture p. 87 in Eberlein: "Manors and Historic Homes of the Hudson Valley".

leaded glass panels. While investigating the construction of the building above the ceiling and immediately below the roof of the auditorium, we located the old sash. They were in excellent state of preservation and had been placed there by those who thought they were not as good looking as the dreadful lead glass designs now installed. It goes without saying that the original sash with their quaint muntin arrangements were measured up and placed on the drawings.

Many of the interior features of the church bear close study, the pews, the wainscot and the balcony treatment are all interesting relics of another way of doing things.

The church is in good state of preservation and is still in use.

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